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SUBJECT: VISIT BY GEOGRAPHIC ATTACHE

REF: NEW DELHI 1588

1. VISIT BY COX WELCOMED. RESERVATION BEING MADE AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL. FULLER WILL MEET ON ARRIVAL.

2. APPOINTMENTS BEING SET UP ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

3. PERIOD OF COX'S VISIT EMBRACES FIRST MEETING OF BANGLADESH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION FEB 25-28. THIS IS NEW ASSOCIATION, NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH BANGLADESH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY-PUBLISHER OF BIENNIAL "ORIENTAL GEOGRAPHER", PRESIDENT AMINUL ISLAM (WITH WHOM WE ARE ARRANGING APPOINTMENT).

4. BNGA ORGANIZED MAINLY BY FACULTY MEMBERS JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY, AT SAVAR, OUTSIDE DACCA; LEADING FIGURE ASST. PROF. A. K. M. KALIMULLAH. BNGA HAS INVITED DIRECTLY OR THROUGH FOREIGN MISSIONS NUMBER OF SCHOLARS FROM ABROAD. IN US, LETTERS SENT IN DECEMBER TO CHAUNCEY D. HARRIS, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, CHICAGO; THOMAS F. BARTON, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, INDIANA; AND HOWARD WRIGGINS, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES, COLUMBIA (NOW UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN INDIA). APPROACH ALSO MADE TO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS, WASHINGTON, D. C. NO REPLIES YET

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RECEIVED HERE. BNGA VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN GETTING REPRESENTATION

FROM THE US "TO BALANCE REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES."

5. CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON CAMPUS AT SAVAR AND WILL CONSIST OF EIGHT SESSIONS, THREE OF WHICH WILL DEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AS THEY RELATE TO BANGLADESH: FLOOD PROBLEMS, AGRICULTURE, AND TEACHING GEOGRAPHY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS. EXCURSIONS TO VARIOUS PARTS OF BANGLADESH ALSO PLANNED FOR PARTICIPANTS.

6. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PRESSED TO PRODUCE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE. BELIEVES PARTICIPATION BY COX WOULD BE IN BOTH GENERAL US AND YOUR OWN SPECIFIC INTEREST. WOULD COX BE WILLING TO ATTEND? PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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